

On page 18, line 22, and on page 31, line 2, kindly delete "776" and substitute "786" therefor.

On page 23, lines 2 and 5, kindly delete "84(a)-(d)" and substitute --84(a)-84(d)-- therefor.

On page 26, line 5, kindly delete "115 a-c" and substitute --115a-115c-- therefor.

On page 26, line 5, kindly delete "117 a-c" and substitute --117a-117c-- therefor.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 11-34.

REMARKS

The application has been amended to correct minor informalities, to cancel rejected claims and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention so as to place the application, as a whole, into a prima facie condition for allowance. Great care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new subject matter into the application as a result of the foregoing modifications.

In particular, the specification has been amended and amended drawings have been proposed which are believed to be responsive to the objections of the Examiner. Enclosed with this Amendment are proposed changes to Figures 12, 14, and 17 marked in red. In response to Paragraph 1 (9) of the Office Action, it is noted that reference number 744 is shown in Fig. 2. Further, in response to Paragraph 2 A) of the Office Action, it is noted that the reference legend "5" should have been "665" as shown in the attached

drawing changes, that 667 has been added by amendment to the specification made above, and that 669 is actually 708 as shown in the proposed drawing changes. The proposed changes in the drawings, together with the amendments to the specification made above and the foregoing comments, are believed to correct all cited informalities.

The claims that were either rejected by the Examiner or objected to have been canceled.

Accordingly, the purpose of the claimed invention is not taught nor suggested by the cited references, nor is there any suggestion or teaching which would lead one skilled in the relevant art to combine the references in a manner which would meet the purpose of the claimed invention. Because the cited references, whether considered alone, or in combination with one another, do not teach nor suggest the purpose of the claimed invention, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the prior art, including the art cited merely of record.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that its claims 1-11 and 35-41 are in condition for allowance at this time, patentably distinguishing over the cited prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and passage to allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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